

From what I understood, TV stations in California were not airing Arnold Schwarzenegger movies during the recall election, so as not to influence voters one way or another. How then, can Sinclair Broadcasting force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the Presidential election? In no way can this be considered an "innocent" airing of a documentary about Vietnam. It is clearly an attempt for a political group to impose their agenda with no recourse. This is not pay-per-view, these are the public airwaves. I, for one, am appalled that this kind of blatant politicizing of our so-called free media institutions can be allowed. Regulation of the airwaves absolutely must be revisited so politically slanted programs such as this cannot be aired without equal and balanced viewpoints from the opposing side.

As bad as this hijacking of the public airwaves is, I found Sinclair's refusal to allow its stations to air the patriotic and heartfelt Nightline show last May that honored our war dead even more appalling.

Essentially something must be done so that huge corporate media conglomerates cannot impose their political viewpoints in such a blatant way on local affiliates.

Thank you.